

BIOMETRIC DOCUMENT AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for the verification of trusted documents is shown,
wherein a biometric image affixed to an article being shipped is verified as to the
identity of the individual vouching for the contents of the article or the
membership of the individual is confirmed as being a member of a bonded client
group. The system comprises an endorsement system scanning a biometric
10 portion of the individual and providing a biometric image for the document; a
verification system for scanning the biometric image from the document
presented to the verification system, requesting the biometric image from the
database system, comparing the biometric image with the template received as
a result of the request and providing an indicator as to whether the document is
15 valid or invalid; and a database system for storage of the biometric images and
providing a template describing the image.